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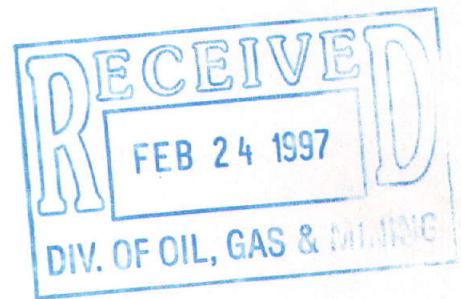
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M/053/004

February 21, 1997.

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
Minerals Reclamation Program
P. O. Box 145801
Salt Lake City UT 84114-5801

Re: Cominco American Incorporated
Apex Mine M/053/004



Dear Mr. Hedberg:

Enclosed is duplicate original bond number _____, of United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, re-executed to comply with instructions in your letter dated February 13, 1997 and prior phone conversations.

Please give me a call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Carla Holt
Bond Department

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Enclosure